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The specification has been formally amended in the manner required by the Examiner. Unfortunately, the translation is so poor that it requires extensive formal amendments but fortunately the drawing is clear enough to make the disclosure quite obvious. Applicants respectfully request the permission of the Examiner to submit a Substitute Specification using the terminology of the presently submitted claims.

In view of the extensive rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, a new set of claims has been submitted in an effort to overcome this rejection. Translation errors have been corrected, proper antecedent language has been provided for all positively recited features, and all structures and their functions have been clearly set forth, as shown in the drawing. As now presented, the claims are respectfully submitted to comply with Sec. 112.

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement, applicants elects for prosecution herein Species I and Sub-species A in case no generic claim is allowed. Claims 23-25 and 27 cover elected Species I, and claims 33 and 34 cover elected Sub-species A. Claims 23, 24 and 27 are generic.

A petition for a one-month extension is attached hereto.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 23-34
are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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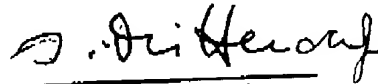


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Petition for extension

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MARKED-UP COPY OF CHANGES:

Page 1, above line 1, change the insertion to read as follows:--

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Austrian Application No. A 878/99 filed May 18, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §[120] 365 of PCT/AT00/00128 filed May 10, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Page 5, change line 12 to read:--

Figure 6 shows a section according to line [V-V] VI-VI in Figure 4,--